

**MAY 16, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
SOUTHERN MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

Date: Thursday, May 16, 2013

Location: Administrative Offices, Southern Manatee Fire & Rescue District, 2451 Trailmate Drive, Sarasota, Florida, 34243

Present: Charles A. Durant, Chairman; Daniel Center, Vice Chairman; Melanie Marken, Secretary; and Commissioner James Cena. Anthony Evans, Treasurer was absent. Also in attendance were Chief Brian Gorski, Fire Marshal Leslie Adent, and Administrative Assistant Debbie Tuckerman. The attached guest list contains signatures of members of the public.

Call to Order

Chairman Durant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Moment of Silence/Pledge

A moment of silence was observed. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Hearing/Adoption of Proposed 2013 Fire Assessment Rates

Chairman Durant called for the verification of public notice. Administrative Assistant Tuckerman reported that the verification of publication was received from the papers.

Chief Gorski advised the commission that staff recommended a 2.01% increase in the non-ad valorem assessment for fiscal year 2013/2014. Chief Gorski noted that we should approve the maximum allowable and revise it as the budget is completed. He recommended approval of Resolution 2013-03 representing a 2.01% increase.

Chairman Durant opened the Public Hearing at 6:09 pm and asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

Chairman Durant asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Center made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Marken seconded by the motion and the motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Durant opened the Board deliberation on Resolution 2013-03 for consideration. There was discussion.

Commissioner Center moved to adopt Resolution 2013-03. Commissioner Cena seconded the motion. Chairman Durant called for the vote and the motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Durant adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:20 pm.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was included in the Board packet. *Commissioner Cena motioned to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Marken seconded the motion and the motion unanimously carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

OLD BUSINESS

* **Website**

Chief Gorski gave an update on the improvements of the website. There was discussion on how to notify the public of the new website. All commissioners noted the great job.

* **Medical Director**

Chief Gorski reported that he has been working on securing a Medical Director. Dr. Nonell is excited to work with Southern Manatee. Chief Gorski will work on getting a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to the board next month. He is also trying to get Dr. Nonell to attend a board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

* **None**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

* **Pension Committee**

No Report.

* **Union Report**

Adam Chevalier reported that negotiations are going well. The last negotiation was webcast by Rich Gatanis. That was very popular by members who couldn't attend the actual negotiations.

VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION

1. **May 6, 2012 Minutes**

Adam Chevalier reported that the Volunteer Association approved the purchase of a GoPro camera and accessories to be used for the website.

CHIEF'S REPORT

2. Chief Gorski updated the Board members on his current projects, installing the MDT in vehicles, and the status of the Air Pack Grant.

He reported to the Board that we would be getting another Executive Session to go over wages and benefits for the negotiations.

There was a fire in the engine of E-331, the insurance company was notified and the truck is at Ten 8 for repairs.

A press release was issued for the Smoke Alarms that Prevention has installed.

There is an Ethics Class at Manatee County for commissioners on May 28.

He reported that our workers compensation plan recommended us for an award due to the great strides we have made in reducing on duty injuries.

The Boards access cards have been modified to allow access from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday.

Work will be starting soon on the easement issue at the rear of Station 5. The quotes are coming in between \$5,000 and \$6,500.

Chief Gorski handed out the latest Cypen and Cypen Newsletter that had excellent articles on the pension plans.

The quarterly reports for the pension plans have been received and look good.

The District is sponsoring a Hurricane Preparedness Class here at the Administration on June 26th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Durant called for Public Comment and there was none.

COMMISSIONER'S/ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Chairman Durant asked for Commissioner's comments.

Commissioner Cena had some recommendations for website videos.

Commissioner Center commended the Chief on the focus on Southern Manatee and its personnel. The bringing of innovation sets the District ahead. He is glad to be a part of this organization.

Commissioner Marken noted that the rate calculation helped her to understand taxes as this is her first year being involved in this process. All the changes, including the website are great.

Chairman Durant mentioned that Chief Gorski is close to the review/contract negotiations stage of his contract. He asked that the other Commissioners go over the current contract and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Chairman Durant and Chief Gorski also noted that the Apparatus Specification Committee held its first meeting that week. They are looking at different manufacturers of fire apparatus. It was a great first meeting and the next meeting is May 30th.

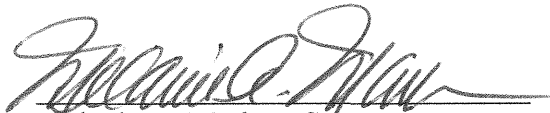
The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Charles A. Durant, Chairman

Attest:



Melanie A. Marken, Secretary